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**MANCHESTER MAN CONVICTED OF SUBORNATION OF PERJURY
AND DRUG OFFENSE**

Re: United States v. Paul Spelas

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and N.H. State Police Colonel Gary Sloper announced that **PAUL SPELAS**, date of birth March 1, 1957, of Manchester, NH, was convicted today of suborning perjury in a federal criminal trial and illegally possessing marijuana.

SPELAS was arrested for DWI in the Town of Bow on April 11, 2001 by a State Trooper, which lead to the seizure of marijuana and a loaded .38 caliber handgun from his automobile. In entering a guilty plea before U.S. District Paul J. Barbadoro today, SPELAS admitted persuading a Wolfeboro man to commit perjury in a federal criminal trial by claiming that Spelas was unaware of the gun in his vehicle on the date of his arrest.

Judge Barbadoro detained SPELAS without bail pending his sentencing hearing scheduled for April 23, 2003 in the U.S. District Court in Concord. SPELAS faces a potential maximum sentence of 5 years on the subornation charge, and 3 years on the marijuana possession charge.

The conviction resulted from an investigation conducted by the N.H. State Police (Troop D Barracks, Concord) and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante.